



02/15/2011

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at Slayden Community Center on 03/15/2011 from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact Rebecca Pursley at (931) 728-0666.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

SANDRA QUICK
Manager, Post Office Operations

We, the citizens of the city of Slayden, petition the United States Postal Service to re-consider the proceeding to close the Slayden Post Office

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
Joyce Adams	Vanleer	615-763-0500	Joyce Adams
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Sarah Adams	Slayden	615-636-5982	Sarah A. Adams
Hazel Brymer	Cumberland Furn.	615-763-2293	Hazel Brymer
Willard Brymer	"	615-763-2293	Willard Brymer
DOB BARBEE	VANLEER	615-763-0212	Doyle Barbree
Ashley Jenkins	Dickson	615-763-0500	Ashley Jenkins
Joretta Markwardt	Vanleer	615-763-0500	Joretta Markwardt
Angela Segers	Vanleer	931-764-0228	Angela Segers
Aaron Green	Cumberland Furn.	931-210-6472	Aaron Green
JAMES H POWERS	CUMBERLAND FURN.	615 219 3370	James H Powers
Rita Nelson	Box #116	763 2752	Rita Nelson
Eddie Greener	Box # 116	763-2752	Eddie Greener
Larry Haneline	Slayden Wood Rd	763-2435	Larry Haneline
Patricia Haneline	Slayden wood	763-2435	Patricia Haneline
Jerry Little	Cumberland Furn.	615-219-3855	Jerry Little
Barbara Little	Cumberland Furn.	615-219-3855	Barbara Little
Ed H. Lee	Cumb. Furn.	219-4171	Ed H. Lee
WES BURTON	2264 LEATHER WOOD	325-0466	Wes Burton
Linda J. Parker	P.O. BOX 10 SLAYDEN TN	219-2643	Linda J. Parker
Larry Hayes	PO Box 31 Slayden TN	336-3837	Larry E Hayes
Tony Baggett	P.O. Box 55 Slayden TN 37165	219-4748	Tony Baggett
Beverly Baggett	2925 Slayden Marion Rd Cumb. Furn. TN 37051	421-7138	Beverly Baggett
Jennifer Parker	1500 Slaydenwood Rd Cumberland Furnace TN 37051	615-763-2605	Jennifer Parker

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
Karen Johnson	P.O. Box 21 Slayden		Karen Johnson
Charles Hayes	PO Box 31		Charles Hayes
E.E. Latson	P.O. Box 29	615-219-3695	E.E. Latson
Billy Parker	P.O. Box #10	615-219-2643	Billy Parker
Billy Hodge	Cumberland Furn 37051 2019 Little Barton CR RD	615-763-2532	Billy Hodge
Ernie	P.O. Box 71	615-229-1454	Ernie
James Wilson	2970 Sylvia	789-5769	James Wilson
Ray Sturges	64100 Sylvia	763-2199	Ray Sturges
Pat Cault	P.O. Box 30		Pat Cault
Winn Harnie	PO Box 20 2405 Little Barton CR RD	Slayden TN 37165 615-763-6320	Winn Harnie
Pete Harris	P.O. Box 14 Slayden TN	615-219-3418	Pete Harris
Ann Burd	1445 Little Barton	615-767-1263	Ann Burd
Charles Green	4019 Highway 49W	615-31-614-9517	CHARLES GREENE
CE Webb	2099 LEWIS RD 37051	615-686-9215	CE Webb
James Green	1661 Little Barton	615-714-1208	James Green
Roz Harrison	2405 Little Barton CR	615-763-6320	Roz Harrison
Harold Miller	101 School St	615-763-059	Harold D. Miller
Betty Gorman	P.O. Box 74	615-763-2435	Betty Gorman
Mary H. Smathers	P.O. Box 1	615-219-4314	Mary Smathers
William E. Smathers	P.O. Box 1	615-219-4314	William Smathers
Margaret Sugg	30 Box 43	615-763-0160	Margaret Sugg
Kathy Williams	2105 Carter Post	615-351-2087	Kathy Williams
Flavelle Weber	1455 Slayden Rd.	615-763-0021	Flavelle Weber
Donelle Weems	2200 Center Point Rd.	615-219-2030	Donelle Weems

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
Sue Jenkins	³⁷¹⁸⁹ 4160 Hwy 440	763-0413	Sue Jenkins
Thomas Slade	1741 Little Barton Creek Rd	763-0231	Tom Slade
Tammy Kolinski	2510 Mausville Rd - Dickson	763-0032	Tammy Kolinski
Amber McIlwain	2326 Mausville Rd Dickson, TN	866-8183	Amber McIlwain
STARLA NELSON	5091 Chambers Cumberland Furnace	931-289-6385	Starla Nelson
Howard Rhoton	3186 Slayden Marion C. Bertrand Furnace	615-613-5060	Howard Rhoton
Eileen Rhoton	3186 Slayden Marion Rd	615-290-4333	Eileen Rhoton
Larry Camer	2060 Slayden Marion Rd	615-763-2846	Larry Camer
Ronald Dodge	5842 Bryant Hollow Rd.	931-387-3218	Ronald Dodge
Kenny Harris	5587 Thorne Hollow Rd	931-801-2849	Kenny Harris
Don HAYES	1861 Hwy 13 Cunningham TN	931-216-3115	Don Hayes
Stephanie Sampson	1001 Logan Rd	615 967-6572	Stephanie Sampson
David Seewie	2180 Kindclobe Cumb. Furn. TN 37051	615 763-2565	David Seewie
Ruth Meyer	C 7	615 789 3491	Ruth Meyer
Connie Harris	P.O. Box 14 Slayden TN	615-219-3418	Connie Harris
JOHN GLASS	750 Slayden Rd	210-3830	John Glass
CE Wehl	2099 LEINO RD, FUERN. 37051	615-686-9215	CE Wehl
Damen Meier	Slayden Wood Road	615-218-9274	Damen Meier
Ralph Lammert	P.O. 74	615-763-2534	Ralph Lammert
Michael L. Day	P.O. Box 305 Slayden	615-763-2005	Michael L. Day
Delores Smith	P.O. Box 25 Slayden	615-763-2274	Delores Smith
Carol Dawesport	P.O. Box 30 Slayden	615 763-2065	Carol Dawesport
Virginia Weaver	P.O. # 114	615 763-2752	Virginia Weaver
Carol Lammert	204 N. COBB RD Slayden	615-146-9084	Carol Lammert
Jean Potts	2120 Little Barton 37051	615-763-2045	Jean Potts

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NAME	Address	Phone	Signature
Elizabeth Buckley	1001 Maple St	763 0863	Elizabeth Buckley
James A. Logan	3067 Slayden	219-3285	James A. Logan
Terry Potts	3067 Slayden	604-1385	Terry Potts
Robert Morris	1001 Maple St	763-0863	Robert Morris
Stacy Townsend	30673 Slayden	615-863-2923	STACY Townsend
Darryl Moert	2490 235N 107 Cherry St	615-763-807	DARRYL Moert
Antonio Zambrano	107 Cherry St Ramble TN	615 823 0687	ANTONIO Zambrano
Clifton Hodge	1515 Slayden Wood Rd	615-418-8660	CLIFTON HODGE
Rakent Hodge	199 Robert Hodge Rd Cumb. Fuc. TN	615-219-3066	Rakent Hodge
Doug Brauner			Doug Brauner
Gloria Brown	P.O. Box 34	615 763 0182	GLORIA BROWN
Alvin Brown	1400 Slaydenwood Rd	615 763 0182	ALVIN BROWN
Lou Ann Harper	3061 Slayden Marion Rd	615-519-6519	Lou Ann Harper
Rebecca Eaton	15076 Hwy 49W #39A	615-519-6519	Rebecca Eaton
Randy West	3061 Slayden Marion Rd	615-519-6519	Randy West
Patrick Isabel	709 Smith	615-974-8315	Patrick Isabel
GARY KOTTE	3420 Slayden Rd	219-321-	GARY KOTTE
David Hollis	2010 Puckett RD	219-3209	David Hollis
Deborah Hollis	2010 Puckett Rd	219-3209	Deborah Hollis
David Self	2196 McCormell Rd	238-4703	David Self
Michael Logan	2055 Sawmill Rd Cumb. Fuc.		Mike Logan
Jody Seiler	2498 W Leatherwood Rd Cumb Fuc		Jody Seiler
Gary Hollis	2095 Hills Crossing Rd Cumb. Fuc.		Gary Hollis
David Bryant	5736 Hodges Rd No phone		David Bryant
Glenn Taylor	2498 W Leatherwood Rd	763-0619	Glenn Taylor
Gary Proctor	1004 Maple St	763-2163	Gary Proctor
Mike Proctor	2350 Leatherwood Rd	763-2393	Mike Proctor
Paul Proctor	2560 Slayden	763 2353	PAUL PROCTOR

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May 4, 2011

There was no return address to mail a response to on the petition received.



Becky Pursley

Rebecca.l.pursley@usps.com

PO Review Coordinator

May 4, 2011

Memo to Record

No Congressional inquiry received.



Becky Pursley
Rebecca.l.pursley@usps.com
PO Review Coordinator



A. Office

Name: SLAYDEN State: TN Zip Code: 37165
Area: SOUTHEAST District: TENNESSEE PFC
Congressional District: VIII County: Dickson
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 477932
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 28. There was no Congressional inquiry.

Prepared by: Rebecca Pursley
Title: TENNESSEE PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (931) 728-0666

Date: 04/26/2011
Fax No: (931) 723-0433

Proposal Checklist

Section I

Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

- ☒ Tell what we are doing and why.
- ☒ Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?
- ☒ If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?
- ☒ Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC
- ☒ Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive.
- ☒ Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.
- ☒ Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.
- ☒ Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.
- ☒ Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.
- ☒ Administrative/emanating office — office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.
- ☒ If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.
- ☒ Preproposal activities — questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses.
- ☒ Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.
- ☒ Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal Service responses.
- ☒ Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.
- ☒ Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.
- ☒ Any other pertinent information concerning Postal Service needs.

Section II

Effect on the Community

- ☒ Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.
- ☒ Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.
- ☒ Was Post Office used as meeting place?
- ☒ Was Post Office a shelter for a bus stop?
- ☒ Did the Post Office have a public bulletin board?
- ☒ Were government forms available at the Post Office?
- ☒ Did the Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?
- ☒ What is the historical value of the office?
- ☒ Is an address change necessary?
- ☒ Will the community identity be preserved?
- ☒ What are the growth trends (flat, up, down)?
- ☒ Were any other nonpostal items identified?

Section III

Effect on Employees

- ☒ Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

Section IV

Economic Savings

A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster salary (EAS-____, Minimum, no COLA)

\$ _____

Fringe benefits 33.5%

\$ _____

Rental costs, excluding utilities

\$ _____

Total annual costs

\$ _____

Less estimated cost of replacement service

\$ _____

Total annual savings

\$ _____

A one-time expense of \$ _____ will be/was incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary without COLA?

Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).

List other factors as appropriate.

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI

Summary

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII

Notices

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist Completed By

Investigative Coordinator

05-05-11
Date

Reviewed and Certified By

District PO Review Coordinator

05-05-11
Date



04/29/2011

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 10804
WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT: Posting of the Proposal to Close
the SLAYDEN Post Office
Docket No. 1381823

This is to advise you that on 05/06/2011, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the SLAYDEN Post Office in Dickson, Congressional District No. VIII.

If you have any questions, please call REBECCA PURSLEY District Review Coordinator at (931) 728-0666.

GREG GAMBLE
District Manager
TENNESSEE PFC District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations
Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communications

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal



05/04/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
SLAYDEN Proposal
Docket No. 1381823 - 37165


Please post the enclosed proposal to close the SLAYDEN Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from 05/06/2011 through close of business on 07/07/2011. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date stamp it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in AS-353 Guide to Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

At the expiration of the posting period, further instructions will be provided. If there are any questions, please contact me at (931) 728-0666.


REBECCA PURSLEY
Post Office Review Coordinator
TENNESSEE PFC District

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal
Invitation for Comments
Comment Forms
Official Record

Date of Posting: 05/06/2011

Date of Removal: 07/07/2011

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE SLAYDEN, TN POST OFFICE AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the Slayden Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Slayden Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 05/06/2011 through 07/07/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Slayden Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

REBECCA PURSLEY
525 ROYAL PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37229-9998

For more information, you may call REBECCA PURSLEY at (931) 728-0666 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.



SANDRA QUICK
525 ROYAL PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37229-9998

Date of Posting: 05/06/2011

Posting Round Date:

Date of Removal: 07/07/2011

Removal Round Date:

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE SLAYDEN, TN POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1381823 - 37165

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Slayden, TN Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Cumberland Furnace Post Office, located 11 miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster was promoted on May 21, 2010. An employee from a neighboring office may be installed as the temporary officer-in-charge (OIC). Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: There are 7 Post Offices in Dickson County. Due to the close proximity of these offices the community needs can be met without this physical building. Effective and regular service would be provided.

The Slayden Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 7:30 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 16:00 Monday - Friday, 8:00 to 12:00 Saturday and lobby hours of 7:30 to 16:00 on Monday - Friday and 8:00 to 12:00 on Saturday to 68 post office box customers and no delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 15 transaction(s) accounting for 16 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$21,824 (57 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$25,191 (66 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$25,578 (67 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On March 15, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Slayden Community Center to answer questions and provide information to customers. 47 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On February 15, 2011, 88 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Slayden Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Slayden Post Office. 47 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 22 unfavorable, and 25 expressed no opinion.

A petition supporting the retention of the Slayden Post Office was received on March 25, 2011, with 126 signatures. If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Cumberland Furnace Post Office, an EAS-16 level office. Window service hours at the Cumberland Furnace Post Office are from 7:30 to 16:00, Monday through Friday, and 7:00 to 11:00 on Saturday. There are 4 post office boxes available.

Retail service is also available at the Vanleer Post Office an EAS-13 level office, located five miles away. Window service hours at Vanleer Post Office are from 7:30 to 11:00 and 12:00 to 3:30, Monday through Friday and 7:00 to 11:00 on Saturday. There are 51 post office boxes available for rent.

The following concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community

Response: The customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 11 miles away or the Vanleer office located 5 miles away.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response: The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity

Response: The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Community's identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Post Office name and ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to admin office Post Office to pick up their mail
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.
5. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.
6. **Concern:** Customers inquired about mailbox installation and maintenance
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about mailbox installation and maintenance. Customers are responsible for mailbox installation and maintenance. Mailboxes must be placed so that they may be safely and conveniently served by the carrier and must be located on the right-hand side of the road in the direction of the carrier's travel. Mailbox supports should conform to state laws and highway regulations. The Postal Service recommends that customers contact the administrative postmaster or carrier for advice on placement of mailboxes and mailbox height and supports.
7. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will use the 37051 ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.
8. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to make an address change on their bank checks and stationery
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about an address change. Customers that erect a rural mailbox along the carrier's line of travel will be assigned a 911 address. Customers can continue to use the community name, Slayden, in the last line of the address, however, in order to insure regular and effective service the Zip Code will change to the Cumberland Furnace zip code.
9. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.
10. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the security of mail. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

11. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox

Response:

The customer also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.

12. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about nonpostal services

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about nonpostal services. Nonpostal services provided at the Post Office will be available at the Cumberland Furnace and the Vanleer Post Offices. Government forms normally provided by the post office will also be available at the offices or by contacting your local government agency.

13. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.

14. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about their 911 address

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about your 911 address. 911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning his/her 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.

15. **Concern:**

Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained

Response:

The customer asked why the suspended post office was being discontinued while others were retained. Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

16. **Concern:**

Customers expressed a concern about their 911 address

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about your 911 address. 911 addresses are generally given by the county's 911 coordinator. The Postal Service does not establish 911 addresses. Any questions concerning his/her 911 address should be directed to the county's 911 coordinator.

17. **Concern:**

Customers expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox

Response:

The customer expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox. Customers are not required to erect rural mailboxes. Customers may receive PO Box service from the administrative Post Office located 11 miles away or the Vanleer Post Office located 5 miles away.

18. **Concern:**

Customers felt the cost of postage was increasing while service was decreasing

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the increasing cost of postage while service was decreasing. The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs affecting every family and business. We do not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations and must adjust our prices to cover our costs. The Postal Service Governors are responsible for approving prices for all Postal Service products and services. For mailing services prices, such as stamp prices, the Postal Service announces the new prices each February and they become effective each May. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) reviews the new pricing for compliance with the price cap and other provisions of the Postal Act of 2006.

19. **Concern:**

Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the business community

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the detrimental effect the loss of the post office would have on the community. Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the Slayden community. There is no indication that the business community will be adversely affected. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the post office is discontinued.

20. **Concern:**

Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance

Response:

The customer questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.

21. **Concern:**

Customers wanted to know why the customer lines were so long at th Dickson Post Office

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the waiting time at the Dickson Post Office. The Dickson Office serves a much larger community and has a heavier retail window workload. This concern has been brought to the attention of the postmaster so he can monitor window operations and ensure that customers do not have an unreasonable wait to obtain services. The carrier can provide retail services, alleviating the need for customers to go to the post office for service.

22. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. The proposed change of the ZIP Code is necessary due to 911 addressing requirements.

23. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about delivery time. A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world we must pay special attention to energy conservation measures, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses. When the price of gasoline goes up one cent per gallon our total gasoline cost rises more than \$8 million. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cov

24. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about senior citizens

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.
7. A decrease in your PO Box Fees may be a result of this proposal.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Slayden is an unincorporated community located in Dickson County. The community is administered politically by City of Slayden. Police protection is provided by the Dickson Co. Sherriff Department. Fire protection is provided by the Vanleer Volunteer Fire Dept. The community is comprised of retired people, farmers/ranchers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Slayden Baptist Church, Slayden Church of God, and Masonic Camp Lodge 445, Silver Onion Jewelry, Pig N Chik, Dickson Carnival Co., Dennis Couture Const Co., Jerry Trotter Const. Co., Parker Trucking, Burges Transportation, Jeff Groves Trucking, Harrison Trucking, Proctor and Sons Trucking, Jarman Logging, Harris Logging, Green Lawn Care, Ferrell Auctions, Cumberland Furnace Honey and Bee Removal Service, Chambers Music, Dawn to Dusk Lawn Care. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Slayden Post Office will be available at the Cumberland Furnace Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Cumberland Furnace Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

None

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster was promoted on May 21, 2010. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 46,185 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 32,438
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 10,867
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 2,880</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 46,185
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 0</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 46,185</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Slayden, TN Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Cumberland Furnace Post Office, located 11 miles away.

The postmaster was promoted on May 21, 2010. If the office has a noncareer PMR, they may be separated from the Postal Service. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Slayden Post Office provided delivery service to no customers and 68 PO Box customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 15. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$46,185 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Slayden Post Office, Vanleer Post Office and Cumberland Furnace Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



SANDRA QUICK
Manager, Post Office Operations

05/06/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the SLAYDEN Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.
2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.
3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date _____

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Date of Posting: 05/06/2011

Posting Round Date: MAY 06 2011

Date of Removal: 07/07/2011

Removal Round Date: JUL 07 2011

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE SLAYDEN, TN POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1381823 - 37165

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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THE SLAYDEN, TN POST OFFICE
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The Postal Service is considering the close of the Slayden Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

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Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Slayden Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

REBECCA PURSLEY
525 ROYAL PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37229-9998

For more information, you may call REBECCA PURSLEY at (931) 728-0666 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

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SANDRA QUICK
525 ROYAL PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37229-9998



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**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 07/07/2011

Postal Customers of the Slayden Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Slayden Post Office, which was posted 05/06/2011 through 07/07/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

When a final decision is made by the Postal Service, that decision will be posted in place of this notice. If the decision is to approve the proposal, any customer of the Slayden Post Office who disagrees will have the right to appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

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SANDRA QUICK
525 ROYAL PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37229-9998



08/04/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SLAYDEN

Docket Number 1381823 - 37165

The proposal to consolidate the SLAYDEN was posted with an "Invitation for Comments," at the SLAYDEN from 05/06/2011 through 07/07/2011. No comments were received. There is no change to the original proposal. Accordingly, there is no need to modify the proposal to address comments.

REBECCA PURSLEY
Post Office Review Coordinator
TENNESSEE PFC District



A. Office

Name: SLAYDEN State: TN Zip Code: 37165
Area: EASTERN District: TENNESSEE PFC
Congressional District: VIII County: Dickson
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 477932
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 39. There was not a premature appeal received.

Prepared by: Rebecca Pursley
Title: TENNESSEE PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (931) 728-0656

Date: 08/04/2011
Fax No: _____



07/27/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
SLAYDEN
Docket Number 1381823 - 37165

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

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GREG GAMBLE
District Manager

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code: SLAYDEN, TN 37165-9998

EAS Level: 11

District: TENNESSEE PFC

County: Dickson

Congressional District: VIII

Proposal: ☒ Close ☐ Consolidate

Reason For Proposed: was promoted

Alternate Service Proposed: Rural Route Service

Customers Affected:

Post Office Box: 68

General Delivery: 0

Rural Route: 0

Highway Contract Route (HCR): 0

City Route: 0

Intermediate Rural: 0

Intermediate R: 0

Total number of customers: 68

Date	Action
	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
05/21/2010	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: was promoted OIC: Career: 0 Noncareer: 1 Other Employees: 0
11/30/2010	District manager authorization to study.
02/15/2011	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 88 Number Returned: 47 Analysis: Favorable: 0 Unfavorable: 22 No Opinion: 25
03/25/2011	Petition received. Number of signatures: 126 Concerns expressed:
03/24/2011	Congressional inquiry received. No Concerns expressed:
05/04/2011	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
04/29/2011	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).
05/04/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.
07/27/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated. Comment Analysis: Favorable: 0 Unfavorable: 0 No Opinion: 0 0
None	Premature PRC appeal received. Concerns expressed:
05/06/2011	Round-dated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).
07/27/2011	Certification of the official record.
08/01/2011	District transmittal of official record to vice president. Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president. Area Operations.
08/04/2011	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry)
	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
	Record returned as not warranted.
	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal: Affirmed: Remanded: USPS Withdrawn:
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: Effective date:

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

REBECCA PURSLEY	(931) 728-0666
Name/Title	Telephone Number
REBECCA PURSLEY	(931) 728-0666
District Post Office Review Coordinator	Telephone Number

Headquarters Acknowledgment of Receipt of Official Record

*The official record to consolidate the SLAYDEN was received by 08/04/2011.

Please contact the Headquarters coordinator at (202) 268-5083 or the address below for additional information regarding its status.

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW ROOM 6700
WASHINGTON DC 20260-6700

Enclosure: (self-addressed envelope)

***Note:** The acknowledgment form is optional and to be used at the district's discretion. Please provide the following memorandum **and** **and a self-addressed return envelope** if you wish to receive an acknowledgment of Headquarters receipt of the record.